

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE LWRMP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- A public meeting was held February 28, 2005, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association to demonstrate and discuss the streambank inventory project. In attendance were representatives from many municipalities, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). All municipalities were notified regarding the project and given the opportunity to comment. The project was partially paid through a WDNR grant, and WDNR approval of project specifications was required. **(Goal 1)**

- Milwaukee County is a member of the Southeastern Wisconsin Beach Task Force, which deals with water quality issues such as algal and bacterial contamination along Lake Michigan's coast. Members of the task force include:

Citizens for a Better Environment	City of Milwaukee Health Department
Great Lakes Water Institute/UWM	City of Racine Health Department
Keep Our Beaches Open (Racine)	Milwaukee County Parks Department
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District	Sixteenth Street Health Center
State Representative Jon Richards	State Senator Richard Grobschmidt
University of Wisconsin – Extension Wisconsin	Department of Natural Resources
Wisconsin Lake Schooner Education Association	
Medical College of Wisconsin – Center for Science Education	(Goal 1)

- Milwaukee County maintains an on-going active dialog with many citizen advisory groups during the planning process of Milwaukee County Park projects addressing **Goals 1–3**. These groups are:

Center Street Park Watch	Cooper Park Watch
Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens	Friends of Bradford Beach
Friends of Cathedral Square Park	Friends of Dineen Park
Friends of Estabrook Park	Friends of Franklin Park
Friends of Grant Park	Friends of Greenfield Park
Friends of Hales Corners Pool	Friends of Jacobus Park
Friends of Johnsons Park	Friends of Juneau Park
Friends of Kletzsch Park	Friends of Kohl Park
Friends of Mill Pond	Friends of the Domes
Friends of Wehr Nature Center	Humboldt Park Watch
Jackson Park Watch	Kops Park Watch
Lake Park Friends	Lyons Park Watch
McCarty Park Watch	Nash Park Watch
Neighbors United for Washington Park	North Point Lighthouse Friends
Partners in Parks	Residents for Off-Leash Milwaukee Parks
Riverside Urban Ecology Center	Saveland Park Watch
Sheridan Park Friends	South Shore Park Watch
Wedgewood Park Watch	
The Park People, Friends of the Milwaukee County Park System	

- Most projects addressing **Goals 1 & 3** required Chapter 30 Waterway Permits, which have a mandatory 30-day Public Notice period allowing for public comment.
- The Milwaukee County Parks Department manages the natural areas on County land. In order to obtain public comment regarding these areas, the Parks Department has hosted a number of public forums. During the forums, attendees were given an overview of the park system and long range planning strategies, as described in the Parks and Open Spaces Plan (this plan is currently being developed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission). Attendees were also asked to complete surveys regarding issues such as public use of parkland, acquisition, and budgets. More public forums are planned as the new Parks and Open Spaces Plan nears completion. **(Goal 2)**
- Milwaukee County's Land Information Program is largely determined by the Milwaukee County Automated Mapping and Land Information System (MCAMLIS) Steering Committee. MCAMLIS is a public-private consortium that was formed in 1990 to develop and maintain the automated mapping base for Milwaukee County. This base is essential for the creation of a modernized land information system. MCAMLIS is comprised of representatives from Milwaukee County, the City of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, SBC Communications, and WE Energies; the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County oversees all activities of the consortium. **(Goal 4)**
- Milwaukee County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources meet quarterly to discuss topical issues. Many of these issues are relevant to the Land Water Resource Management Plan. Priorities and goals for natural resource management are thus discussed throughout the year. **(Goals 1-4)**